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BOARD OF PHARMACY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

STEVEN KIM, R.P.

38月10名437100 FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE: TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") upon receipt of respondent Steven Kim's ("respondent") application for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy in this State. Respondent voluntarily surrendered his New Jersey license by way of a Consent Order filed with the Board on January 11, 2006 based upon certain unauthorized and fraudulent practices he engaged in while working as a pharmacist. Specifically, respondent utilized fraudulent prescriptions to obtain Prescription Legend Drugs for family members and to acquire manufacturer's rebates; committed Medicare fraud by submitting claims utilizing fraudulent prescriptions in the name of respondent's brother; and diverted money from his employer, Eckerd Drugs.

Respondent agreed that to be considered for reinstatement he must submit treatment records of any and all diagnostic and rehabilitative therapy, submit to a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation and provide a report to the Board, and demonstrate competence to resume the practice of pharmacy. Respondent has now made re-application for the reinstatement of his pharmacy license.

In support of his application, respondent has submitted the report of Lidia D. Abrams, PhD, a New Jersey licensed psychologist. Dr. Abrams stated that respondent went through a period of extreme stress that "manifested itself in temporary loss of good judgment." She concluded, however, that respondent has recovered well from all events and in her opinion, he is able to function properly as a licensed pharmacist.

Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

## IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS /2 th DAY OF MARCH, 2008, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated subject to the conditions set forth in this Order.
- 2. Respondent shall pay all reinstatement fees and submit proof of the necessary continuing education credits prior to his license being reinstated.
- 3. Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or a pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy for three (3) years from the entry of this Order.
- 4. Respondent shall serve a copy of this Order on all employers, licensee supervisors, and/or responsible entities or officials at each and every facility where he

plans to practice pharmacy, prior to commencing work as a licensee and shall ensure that each employer and licensee supervisor sends documentation to the Board that he or she has reviewed the complete Order. This provision shall apply for three (3) years from the date of entry of this Order.

5. This Order is effective upon its filing date with the Board of Pharmacy.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By:\_

Edward G. McGinley, R.Ph

President

I have read the within Order, understand its terms and agree to be bound by them. I consent to entry of the Order by the Board of Pharmacy.

Steven Kim, R.P.

Respondent